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**Important Citywide  
Phone Numbers**

Call Center	535-3500
Police-Non Emergency	311 or 277- 8900
Anti Graffiti/ Litter	277-3208
Animal Care	578-7297
City Arborist	277-2762
Crime Pre- vention	277-4133
Drug Hotline	971-DRUG
Department of Transpor- tation	277-4373
Environ- mental Ser- vices	535-8550
Hazardous Materials	277-4659
Housing	535-3860
Neighbor- hood Devel-	723-4114
Parking Enforcement	534-2900
Vehicle Abatement	277-5305
Gang Hotline	293-4264

**Albertson Parkway Renovation Groundbreaking**



On Saturday Oct. 18th the community came together to celebrate the groundbreaking for the renovation of "Gary Albertson Parkway Trail." We hope see you at the Ribbon cutting in August of 2009.



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munity Meetings**

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**Youth Guide on Police, Safety, and Crime is now available.**

***A Student's Guide to Police Practices*** is a booklet that was written with young people in mind. It explains basic police practices, important legal issues, and laws that affect young people in San José. New sections discuss issues like: gang violence, hate crimes, internet safety, and dating abuse. The guide contains suggestions on what

to do (and NOT do) if stopped by a police officer. There is also advice on how to avoid being victimized by crime. Valuable services are described in the resource section. The guide may be downloaded in English, Spanish, or Vietnamese at [www.sanjoseca.gov/IPA](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/IPA). Please call the Independent Police Audi-

tor's office at (408) 794-6226 to get a printed copy or a version on CD. You may also request a presentation for your school, church, community group, or local agency.



## Come and Learn About the Proposed Citywide Inclusionary Housing Policy

For the past several months, the City has held various public stakeholder meetings to discuss the possibility of creating a Citywide Inclusionary Housing Policy. At the meetings posted below, the Housing Department staff will present the proposed policy and invite community feedback.

### **November 3, 2008**

Willow Glen Branch Library  
6:00 PM-8:00 PM  
1157 Minnesota Ave  
San José, CA 95125

### **November 6, 2008**

Edenvale Branch Library

6:00 PM-8:00 PM  
101 Branham Lane East  
San José, CA 95111

### **November 10, 2008**

City Hall Public Wing Rooms 118  
+119

6:00 PM-8:00 PM  
200 East Santa Clara Street  
San Jose, CA 95113

### **November 12, 2008**

Berryessa Branch Library  
6:00 PM-8:00 PM  
3355 Noble Ave  
San José, CA 95132

### **What is Inclusionary Housing?**

Inclusionary housing requires developers to make a percentage of housing units in new residential developments available to low- and moderate income households. Inclusionary Housing expands the supply of affordable housing throughout all areas of the city, broadening opportunities and encouraging mixed-income communities. Affordable housing helps people live and work close to home.

To request an accommodation or alternative format to participate in this meeting, please call Colleen Lopez at 408.975.4489 or 408.294.9337 (TTY) at least three business days before the meeting.

## Distinctive Neighborhood Program

In the 2008/2009 fiscal year budget the City Council Rules and Open Government Committee approved funding for the development of a "Distinctive Neighborhood Program" that would add further protection and enhancement to San Jose's unique residential neighborhoods. The Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement has been directed to develop this program, conduct outreach, and have a recommendation for City Council by June 2009. The following are outreach meetings:

**November 10, 2008 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**, Edenvale Branch Library, 101 Branham Ln. East,

**November 13, 2008 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**, Alum Rock Branch Library, 3090 Alum Rock Ave.

**November 17, 2008 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**, Willow Glen Branch Library, 1157 Minnesota Ave.

**December 1, 2008 6:00 PM-8:00 PM**, West Valley Branch Library,

1243 San Tomas Aquino Road

**December 4, 2008 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM**, Vineland Branch Library, 1450 Blossom Hill Road

Additional information regarding the Distinctive Neighborhood Program is available on the Planning website (PBCE) at the following link: [http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/distinctive\\_neighborhood/](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/distinctive_neighborhood/)

For any questions or comments please contact Hadasa Lev at (408) 535-7838

## Wonders of our Water Works Tours

The San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant plays a vital role in protecting and preserving San Francisco Bay and has received numerous environmental awards during its 50 years of service. It is one of the largest advanced treatment plants in the nation and a marvel of engineering and technology. The adjacent Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge is the largest urban wildlife refuge in the U.S. and home to

two endangered species. Located along the Pacific Flyway, millions of shorebirds and water fowl stop to refuel at the Refuge during the spring and fall migrations.

### **Tour Basics**

- Tours provided rain or shine!
- Please arrive 15 minutes early.
- Tours are 2 hours long.

-Available to adults and children over 10 years old.

-Bathrooms are available at the beginning and end of each tour.

For more information and reservations please visit:

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/esd/plantmasterplan/tour-eservations.asp>

## Great Cities Speakers Series Presents Playwright, Film Maker and Educator Luis Valdez

Playwright, film maker and educator Luis Valdez will be featured at the 2008 Great Cities Speakers Series, 6-7 p.m., Monday, November 3, at the San Jose Repertory Theatre, 101 Paseo De San Antonio. A reception will follow at 7 p.m. to encourage further discussion. This presentation and reception are free to the public. However, reservations are strongly recommended and can be made by email to [info@1stACT.org](mailto:info@1stACT.org)

Valdez's talk titled "The Power of Zero: The Mayan Key to Vibrant Communities," looks at how the Mayan design could provide a provocative map for the multi-cultural communities of the future.

"It was commonplace practice in Mayan cities to link the arts with sci-

ence and mathematics within spaces encountered in daily life. This provided a powerful impetus that even today unleashes the creative faculties of children, adults and the community at large," Valdez said.

Born in Delano, Calif., Valdez graduated from James Lick High School in San Jose and went on to earn a degree in English from San Jose State University (SJSU). Valdez worked with Cesar Chavez and founded El Teatro Campesino in 1965 on the picket lines of the Delano Grape Strike. Regarded as the father of Chicano theater and film, Valdez's work includes Zoot Suit and La Bamba. One of the founding professors of California State University at Monterey Bay, he

launched the Institute for Tele-dramatic Arts and Technology.

Taking part in the discussion with Valdez is former San Jose Mayor Tom McEnery. Tom McEnery was elected as San Jose's 61st mayor in 1982. He continues his interests in the area's political arena while remaining active as a writer, public speaker and an owner and member of the Board of Directors for San Jose Sports & Entertainment Enterprises.

This series of monthly public lectures is designed to provoke thought, discussion and imagination about the city of the future and to bring important outside perspectives to local and regional efforts on civic planning, culture, art and design. The lectures are free.

## Blossom Valley Neighborhood Association



Councilmember Williams would like recognize the folks from Blossom Valley Neighborhood Association (BVNA) for reincorporating their Neighborhood Association. While BVNA has been around for a while, however they had been less active for some time.

Through the efforts of several thoughtful community members, the organization was re-activated. We encourage all neighborhoods to come together and address neighborhood issues as a group. Taking ownership of your community through organizing is the

best way to deal with issues of common concern.

Special recognition goes out to Deborah Torrens who was essential in BVNA's reincorporation effort.

## What to do with Household Hazardous Waste?



It's simple. Call (408) 299-7300 To schedule a free appointment to drop off these hazardous waste items:

- Latex & oil based paints
- All batteries
- Household cleaners
- Fertilizers & pesticides
- Automotive fluids

- Pool chemicals
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Pressurized tanks (propane, fire extinguishers, helium)
- Mercury thermometers
- Hypodermic needles
- And more ...



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 <u>Council Meeting</u>	5 <u>EGOPIC neighborhood meeting</u> ERCA Center 6:30PM;	6 <u>Christopher NA Meeting</u> Christopher (School Library 6:00PM)	7	8
9	10	11 <u>Council Meeting</u>	12 Arts Commission (CH-W119) 5:30PM; Office Hours (SSCSC 3-5:00PM); Planning Commission Meeting (CH	13 <u>Neighborhood Services and Education Committee</u> (CH-W118/119) 1:30; <u>Silver Leaf NA</u> - (SSCSC) 7:00PM);	14	15
16	17	18 <u>Council Meeting</u>	19	20 <u>GONA Meeting</u> (Stipe School) 7:30PM; <u>SFTNA</u> - (SSCSC 7:00PM)	21	22 CM Office Hours (Edenvale Library); 10:00AM-12:00PM
23	24	25 <u>Council Meeting</u>	26	27 <u>CM Office Hours</u> (SSCSC 3-5:00PM); <u>Hayes NA Meeting</u> (Hayes Mansion 7:00PM) (on recess until 1/09)	28	29
30				<b><u>LEGEND</u></b> <u>CH</u> - City Hall <u>BG</u> - Boys & Girls Club 455 Edeview Dr. <u>SSCSC</u> - South Side Community and Senior Center <u>EL</u> -	<u>ST</u> - Santa Teresa <u>NA</u> -Neighborhood Association <u>T&amp;E</u> - Transportation & Environment <u>CM</u> -Councilmember <u>CNA</u> -Christopher Neighborhood Assoc.	<u>GONA</u> —Great Oaks NA <u>ERCA</u> —Edenvale Roundtable Community Assoc. <u>EGOPIC</u> —ERCA/ GONA Plan Implementation Committee